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| Date: _ | September 20, 2006 | By Elly B. Jus |
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Paul V. Cooper

Docket No.:

23438.00041

Application No.:

10/620,318

Group Art Unit:

7946

Filing Date:

July 14, 2003

Examiner:

Scott R Kastler

TITLE:

COUPLINGS FOR MOLTEN METAL DEVICE

TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

Herewith is a response in the above-identified application to the Office Action mailed on March 20, 2006. Applicant hereby petitions, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, that the shortened statutory response period be extended for three (3) months up to and including September 20, 2006.

Enclosures:

[X] Terminal Disclaimer

[X] Applicant asserts Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

FEE CALCULATION, CLAIMS AS AMENDED:

| | Claims remaining after amendment | | Highest number previously paid for | | Present Extra | | | | Additional Fee |
|------------------------|---|-------|---|---|------------------|---|-----------|---|-------------------|
| Total Effective Claims | 13 | minus | 37 | = | 0 | х | \$ 50.00 | = | \$0 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | minus | 6 | = | 0 | х | \$200.00 | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | | | Subtotal: | | \$0.00 |

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| Fee Calculation: Request for extension of ti | me pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § | (1.136(a) |
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| [] Response filed within first month afte | r due date – add | \$120.00 |
| [] Response filed within second month add | | \$450.00 |
| [X] Response filed within third month after | | \$1020.00 |
| [] Response filed within fourth month af | | \$1590.00 |
| [] Response filed within fifth month after | r due date – add | \$2160.00 |
| [] Terminal Disclaimer fee pursuant to | 37 C.F.R.§1.20(d) – add | |
| | Sub | ototal: \$1,020.00 |
| If one of the "small entity" boxes above is cloof the second subtotal and subtract. | necked, enter half (1/2) | |
| | L ADDITIONAL FEE EN | CLOSED: \$510.00 |
| [X] Please charge Deposit Account No. 1 | 9-3878 in the amount of \$ | 510.00 |
| [] A Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P | . check in the amount of \$ | is attached. |
| This statement does NOT authorize of authorized to charge any fee specifically a filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should filed hereafter, and which may be required to hereafter relative to this Application and the or credit any overpayment to Account No. sheet is attached. | uthorized hereafter, or and have been filed herewith under 37 C.F.R.§§1.16-1.1 eresulting Official documents | by deficiency in the fee(s) h or concerning any paper 8 (deficiency only) now of the tunder 37 C.F.R. §1.20 |
| | Respectfully submitted, | |
| September 20, 2006 | By MAN | 2e/h |
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